



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 13, 2016 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Jana Lapoint; John Bird; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Noa Sreden; and Elise McKendry.

Excused: Wilson Hess

Also present were: Suzan Beaudoin, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; Robert Hasson, Director of Certification; Ravi Jackson, Director of Special Projects; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Noa Sreden: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee did not meet on July 1, 2016 as scheduled.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Certification and Higher Education (Nichi Farnham):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on June 22, 2016, as scheduled.

The Committee recommended to the full Board approval of 155 as the cut score for the ESOL PRAXIS.

The Committee received updates from Department of Education staff on Certification and Higher Education.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Heidi Sampson):

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) met on July 7, 2016, as scheduled. The Committee discussed/reviewed the following:

- Business programs
- Review of the CTE section of the SBE Strategic Plan
- Perkins update
- Cosmetology draft rule
- School reviews and orientations

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) CERTIFICATION SCORE

BACKGROUND: Educational Testing Service (ETS) developed and manages PRAXIS. The PRAXIS is the Test Maine uses for Teachers and Administrators Certification. Recently a group of nine teachers gathered in Augusta to review the revised English to Speakers of other languages (ESOL) and set a cut score. The group unanimously set 155 as the cut score.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends 155 as the cut score for the ESOL PRAXIS.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and unanimously voted by those present to approve 155 as the cut score for the ESOL PRAXIS

RECEIPT OF THE REPORT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF ENDICOTT COLLEGE TO RECEIVE DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE

BACKGROUND: On May 26, 2016 under the chairpersonship of Dr. Bruno Hicks, the State Board approved review team interviewed the Endicott College academic administrators by video conference and the Maine Educator's Consortium Director Ms. Donna Cameron by face-to-face. During deliberation, the review team decided that more information was needed from the Endicott College and Maine Educator's Consortium leadership before concluding on a recommendation for the State Board. Dr. Hicks drafted a letter to Endicott College Associate Dean Celli with a copy to Ms. Cameron articulating questions that were raised during the interview and information that was not included in the initial application packet. A conference call was conducted by the review team on June 24, 2016 to discuss if the supplementary materials received on June 20, 2016 from Dean Celli adequately satisfied the initial inquiries to warrant a recommendation to the State Board. After deliberation and further review of Chapter 149, the review team composed the attached Report of Findings with a recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receives the review team's Report of Findings regarding the Endicott College Application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the review team's Report of Findings regarding the Endicott College Application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine.

Note: Noa Sreden and Elise McKendry left the meeting at 1:20 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 1:20 PM, with voting members only in attendance. Ravi Jackson and Suzan Beaudoin, Maine Department of Education, were asked to stay for the session. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:34 PM.

The Board went into executive session to discuss student transfer appeals at 1:35 PM, with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:16PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of CD. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of KM. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of AM. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of JG. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of CR. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of AB. The transfer is granted.

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Heidi Sampson, and Ande Smith) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of SA. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of JB. The transfer is denied.

Note: Jane Sexton left the meeting at 2:37 PM.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- On June 15, she gave out certificates to the 8th graders at Wagner Middle School at their Recognition night. They surprised Martha and gave her recognition for her 21 years of service on the RSU 22 School Board. It was her final day in that position and was quite touching to have the students involved in this.
- On June 24, she spent the afternoon with Jana and Mary discussing the retreat and plans for this year. They also met with Deputy Commissioner Beardsley primarily regarding transfer appeals. He agreed with most of their points. (Thank you to Jane for her detailed written comments).
- On June 26 through 28, she participated in the Superintendents Conference in Bangor.
- On June 30, Martha was officially notified that she had been nominated to be Regional Director for the Northeast Region of the National

Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Election occurs at the National conference in October.

- On July 11, she participated in the monthly telephonic conference for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Governmental Affairs Committee. The SBE continues to be updated on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), particularly rule making.
- She also has been participating in the Public Education Positions committee of NASBE.

Vice Chair, Jana Lapoint

- She attended the Superintendent's Conference on June 26 through 28.
- On July 5, she attended the Maine Charter School Commission meeting. For the 2016/2017 school year, Laurie Pendleton was nominated and voted as Chair of the Commission and Michael Wilhelm was nominated and voted as Vice Chair of the Commission.
- As Vice Chair, she is responsible for selecting monthly meeting locations for regular Board meetings. The Board will travel throughout the State from August through December. The Board meets in Augusta when the Legislature is in session. Jana will take suggestions for locations from Board members.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Heidi Sampson:

- On June 26 through 28, she attended the Superintendent's Conference in Bangor. Heidi thought the conference was very well done.
- On July 7, she attended and chaired the CTE Committee meeting.

John Bird:

- On June 26 through 28, he attended the Superintendent's Conference at the Cross Center in Bangor.
- On July 3 and 4 and 8 and 9, he sang in the production of the "Music Man" singing the lead in the quartet. It was a sold out production.
- He attended the CTE Committee meeting on July 7.
- He will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute on July 22 and 23 in Arlington, VA.

Peter Geiger:

- On June 26 through June 28, he attended the Superintendent's Conference in Bangor.

Nichi Farnham:

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting via phone on June 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the July 13, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 2:50 PM.